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Application No. <u>09/467,388</u> Filing Date <u>December 21, 1999</u> First Named Inventor <u>Nelson L. Yapple</u> Art Unit <u>2157</u> Examiner Name <u>Najjar, Saleh</u> Attorney Docket No. <u>42P7088</u>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">RECEIVED</div> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">JUL 29 2004</p> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">Technology Center 2100</p>
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<p>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 – Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply 07/27/2004 MAHMED1 00000011 09467388</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>2. Miscellaneous</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>02-2666</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">i. <input type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) for Limited Suspension of Action</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ <u>770.00</u> enclosed</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>	
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